GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3892
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001
IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS
T.T.V. DHINAKARAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(

(a) the quantum and value of edible oils imported during each of the last two years, alongwith the names of countries;

(b) the future projections to certain large scale import of edible oils; (

(c) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has been taken into confidence of all matters pertaining to edible oil imports in order to edible Agriculture Ministry to plan for production of more oil seeds; and (

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Quantity and value of vegetable oils fixed (edible) imported during 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 is as under:-

Year	Qty. (Tons)	Value Rs. Crore	Names of major countries from which imported
1999-2000	4195638	8046.05	Argentina, Brazil, German F. Rep., Indonesia, Malaysia and USA
2000-2001(P)	3974638	5932.76	

P = Provisional figures

(b), (c) & (d) The quantitative restrictions on imports of edible oils have been removed from time to time to meet domestic shortages and also in accordance with our international commitments. However, efforts have always been made to provide a level playing field to domestic farmers by calibrating the duty structure which has been revised four times during the last 18 months.